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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2003, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks. Since Applicant has added an independent claim, Applicant authorizes payment from Deposit Account 502284 Order No. HALO-P005.

For the reasons set forth below, Applicant submits that the pending claims recite subject matter that is not taught or suggested by the references. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections, and issue a notice of allowance. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, Applicant requests that the Patent and Trademark Office call the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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